SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI : Sir, tomorrow, during the Zero Hour, at least, you give me some time to raise this matter.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : I may not be in the Chair tomorrow. The hon. Speaker may come and occupy the Chair.

DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Sir, my name was there in the list and I wanted to raise the matter concerning the strike in All India Radio and Doordarshan.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Please come to the subject.

DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : When the names were balloted, my name was listed under serial number one. I am not complaining, but with grave sorrow and anguish I am putting forth my view. I cannot shout.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : You need not shout. When others stop shouting, you will get you chance easily.

DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : That is not the thing, Sir. I am now raising a matter of public importance under Rule 377.

[English]

(vii) Need to make Sambalpur a full-fledged Railway Division and also to provide adequate funds for Sambalpur, Talcher Rail way line

DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI (Sambalpur) : The State of Orissa is neglected in the field of Railway. Rail facilities available for Western Orissa are far from satisfaction. A separate Railway Division was created for Western Orissa with a view to expand the railway network and to expedite the completion of ongoing railway projects in that region. But it is regrettable that the Railway Division at Sambalpur has not been made a full-fledged one till now. The construction of the office buildings of the Sambalpur Railway Division has not been completed. Most of the staff recruited in that Division are outsiders. Local youth have not been given priority in employment. Even the class IV and class III posts are being filled up by candidates from outside the Sambalpur District.

The Sambalpur-Talcher Railway Project has not been completed so far. The inordinate delay in the completion of the project is mainly due to the inadequate fund allocation made for the project. This Railway project, once completed, will connect the State headquarters, Bhubaneshwar, and other coastal areas touching the Talcher coal fields with the hinterland of Sambalpur. Thus, the new line will create an emotional integration between the Western and coastal Orissa. It will also generate employment substantially in Western Orissa and will go a long way by providing direct rail connection between Bhubaneshwar and Sambalpur.

As such, I urge upon the Government to provide adequate funds for Sambalpur-Talcher rail line in 1996-97 and also to complete all the formalities so that Sambalpur Railway Division functions as a full-fledged Railway Division.

(viii) Need to Investigate Volcanic Activity in Village Sirukinar in Kangayam Taluk, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI S.K. KARVENDHAN (Palani) : Kangayam is one of the Assembly segments in Palani Parliamentary Constituency. In Kangayam Taluk, there is a village called Sirukinar. There was a volcanic activity on the 5th June in the above land. As a result, the land was divided into a number of pieces. Huge black coloured articles came out from the holes. An oily liquid came out and spread near the area and trees were burnt. An electric post nearby was also damaged. Through the nearby hand pump/water pump also this hot oily water had come. The land owner reported that matter to the Uthiyur Police immediately on the same day. The matter was also communicated to the Tehsildar, Dharapuram Revenue Division immediately. In the meantime, after seeing the incident many persons, a huge crowd, came to this site and took away all the 'black minerals and particles'.

Even though it is a volcanic activity, no steps were taken to protect the materials which came out from the land to protect the area.

I request the Central Government to look into the matter.

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA (Ferozabad) : Through you Sir, I wish to draw the attention of the Government to the following matter. In Tenth Lok Sabha I requested the Government to declare Basteshwar as a tourists centre. it was approved by the than Government which had sanctioned an amount of Rs. 44 lakhs for that purpose...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Please be brief. This is not the Zero Hour.

SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA : Since the Hon. Minister is present have I would like to urge upon him to take up the projects which have been pending. This would being appreciation and applaced from the people of that area. Bateshwar is only 55 Km from Agra. This should also be declared a tourist centre like Agra. This would not only bring in more revenue to his Central Government but would help accelerate development of that backward area.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): I have received his letter and also discussed this matter with him. Whatever is possible would be done in this matter...*(Interruptions)*